

Pavilion June 11<sup>th</sup> 1840

Dear Anne

I know not whether Boston, or Weymouth, or neither, has the honor of your presence at this time. I shall direct this to B. believing that to be the most likely place of your abode. I am moved to write at this time on account of a letter I received to day containing matter in which you, & many others, as well as myself, are interested. The Rev. Charles T. Dorney told the Rev. Amos Gleason, of Montville, Conn. that our <sup>to</sup> company that went recently in the R. Island to New York, was composed of Infidels & Prostitutes!! - that a large proportion of the Females were loose dissolute girls!!, Now this is news to me. I took it as a matter of course, that mine were to be invited to join the party but decent people. Had I supposed the kennels of infamy would have been unsatisfied to fill the cars & boat I should have hesitated about making one of the number - still more of adding my daughter. I think it a gross imposition upon us, who live away up here in the forest, to invite us to take that route to New York & then bend us, as companions,



with those whose presence, if acquired in  
continuation & death of character. Whoever  
has been guilty of it ought to be shot forthwith  
without judge or jury. The prime movers  
of hiring a boat & guns for old organization  
must be an enemy; & this object was to bring over-  
-whelming disgrace upon old organization. I would  
have the Mass. Board see to it immediately,  
& make a thorough investigation, & bring the  
villain, whoever he may be, to condign  
punishment. If Collins is the guilty one,  
let him suffer, as he deserves, the execution  
of an insulted & abused Society. He is an enemy  
of New Organization, in league with it, & the sooner  
he is smothered the better. And let old organization  
be disbanded immediately, for what good can it effect  
after its profligate, shameless, fraternizing of the irreligious,  
immoral, & vile? Its character gone, henceforth it  
will be looked upon by all good men with aversion  
& horror. I advise you to take your name from  
its roll of membership; as I shall take mine,  
before you are utterly lost. There may be a lingering  
doubt in your mind about the Society, as such,  
being so bad. But there can be no mistake about  
it, for ministers of the Gospel, holy men, would never  
circulate these stories damnable if they were not  
true, & known by them to be so. I understand  
that Jimmy's statement is corroborated by that other



holy man, At Chair; so that in the mouth of true  
witnesses, at least, every word of the story is established.  
I shall have to suffer the disgrace but a few years, for  
my thin locks admonish me that my days on earth  
cannot be many. But I feel much for the younger  
members, especially the young <sup>& virtuous</sup> females, if there be  
any such, who must bear the disgrace for many  
long years. They are to be pitied. Were it not that  
the Mass. General are steeped in the guilt of the  
transaction, it ought to set about separating the  
guilt from the innocent, so that the innocent  
may not suffer beyond what is necessary, for  
suffer they must to a considerable extent.

If Torrey's statement is not true (& some affect  
disbelieve it) the Rev. fabricator & circulator  
deserves the hottest corner in the bottomless pit. He  
ought to be lashed with scorpions round the  
world, & his name held up to the gaze of the  
universe as the Prince of Liars, & Defamers.

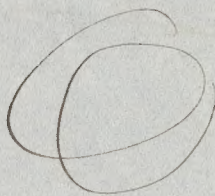
Connecticut did shamefully - & Hampshire gloriously.  
It is no longer an A.S. enterprise in which we are en-  
gaged, but a war of defence against the clericals.

We are so so - many as housekeeper - a young man, &  
Hill, son of Henry Hill of Roxbury, is with us to learn the  
mysteries of farming - my strawberries are ripe & abundant -  
Bees very industrious - corn growing rapidly - horses  
in good order - Dr. Bancroft married - & your quondam  
flame, Sam Huntwell, as crazy as ever & de  
H. H.



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Making a list  
of Jorvis's report.



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